

Oak Park Medical Reserve Corps

Public Health Initiatives



Keeping Volunteers Involved

- Through recruiting process
 - Through application process
 - Orientation and training opportunities
 - Emergency-related experiences
 - On-going public health initiatives
 - Communications
 - Recognition
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Developing the Medical Reserve Corps

- Linkages with community agencies
 - Volunteer Center
 - American Red Cross of Greater Chicago
 - Tourism Centers
 - Nursing College
 - School Nurses
 - Hospital Staff Meetings
- Linkages with other Illinois MRC's

Medical Reserve Corps: Current Status

- Characteristics of Volunteers
- Core -vs- Non-core Volunteers
- Integration with Emergency Preparedness Activity
- Emergency Call Rosters
- Database Creation

Orientation and Training

- Orientation
 - April 15, 2003
 - Emergency Coordination Training
 - June 24, 2003
 - Epidemiological/Forensic Simulation Exercise
 - September, 2003
 - Bioterrorism Agents
 - October 4, 2003
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Orientation and Training

- Recognition of MRC Volunteers by Board of Trustees
 - December 1, 2003
- MRC Thank You Party
 - December 1, 2003
- Disaster Response Training
 - August, 2004

Involvement in On-going Public Health Initiatives

- Monthly e-letter
 - Health screening program “Know Your Numbers”
 - Child Car Safety Seat checks
 - West Nile Virus
 - Flu clinics
 - Maternal Child Health Programs
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Involvement in Emergency-Related Activities

- Testing After Hours Call System
- Training other volunteers and staff
- Forensic Epidemiology Drill

- Planned - Checklists for Businesses
- Planned – SNS Dispensing Site Drill

Lessons Learned

- Stay in touch
- Provide meaningful work
- Use wide range of skills
- Respect limitations
- Give recognition
- Integrate MRC into emergency planning

Thank You !



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